

[17th December 1959]

Bridge

* 232 Q.—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether any lands were acquired for the construction of Kundar Bridge in Shencottah taluk; and

(b) if so, when the lands were acquired?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (a) & (b) Twenty-seven cents of lands in Shencottah village were taken possession of by the Public Works Department of the erstwhile Travancore Cochin Government prior to the reorganisation of States on 1st November 1956 with the consent of the pattadars. The land acquisition proceedings have not yet been completed by the Revenue Department, as the Land Acquisition Act has not been extended to the transferred areas. The Collector of Kanyakumari has been requested to take necessary action urgently to acquire the lands in question under provisions of the Travancore Regulation XI of Land Acquisition till the Land Acquisition Act is extended to the transferred areas.

SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : இது போல தென் காசியின் வில்லேஜைச் சார்ந்த பாலத்தின் ஒரு பகுதியில் ஆர்ஜிதம் செய்யப்பட்டதா? செங்கோட்டை வில்லேஜைச் சார்ந்த இடத்திலே நிலம் ஆர்ஜிதம் செய்ததற்கு 4 ஆண்டு காலங்கள் ஆகியும் பணம் கொடுக்கப்படவில்லை. இனி 6 மாத காலத்திற்குள்ளாவது பணம் கொடுப்பதற்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்படுமா?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : நான் முன்பே என் பதிலிலே சொன்னேன். நில ஆர்ஜிதம் செய்வதிலும், பணம் கொடுப்பதிலும் துரிதமாக நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கவேண்டுமென்று கலெக்டர் அவர்களுக்கு அரசாங்கம் சொல்லியிருக்கிறது.

Handicrafts

* 233 Q.—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) what were the various Indian handicrafts that were exported out of our State in 1958-59;

(b) what are the various aids given to the handicrafts industry to encourage them in 1958-59; and

(c) what is the amount of foreign exchange it has earned for our State in 1958-59?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) to (c) A statement^a furnishing the particulars required is placed on the table of the House.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, from the statement placed on the table of the House, it is evident that only about Rs. 13 lakhs worth of handicrafts are exported from our State. Will the Government take more effective steps to encourage this trade so as to earn more foreign exchange for our country?